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SUBJ: RTG TO INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE

1. ON JULY 18, 1977, RTG MINIMUM WAGE CONSIDERATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN THE THAI MINIMUM WAGE. THE PROPOSED RATES REFLECT CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SINCE JANUARY 1975 WHEN CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE RATES WERE SET. FOR BANGKOK AND THE FIVE SURROUNDING INDUSTRIAL PROVINCES, THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM 25 TO 28 BAHT (\$1.40) PER DAY; FOR NORTHERN PROVINCES FROM 16 TO 19 BAHT PER DAY; FOR NORTHEASTERN PROVINCES FROM 16 TO 18 BAHT PER DAY; AND FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES FROM 18 TO 21 BAHT PER DAY.

2. THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS NOW GO TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAMAK SUNTHARAWAT WHO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THEM WITHIN ONE WEEK. UNDER CURRENT THAI LAW HIGHER APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED. THE EFFECTIVE DATE PROBABLY WILL BE OCTOBER 1, THE SAME DAY THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A 200 BAHT PER MONTH INCREASE AS COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE.

3. PROMINENT LABOR LEADER SUNTHORN KAEONET, PRESIDENT OF THE EXPRESS TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION LABOR UNION, HAS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, SAYING THAT PROPOSED INCREASES FOR MINIMUM WAGE ARE NOT PROPORTIONATE WITH 200 BAHT COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND THAT RATE FOR BANGKOK SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 35 BAHT PER DAY. HE ALSO NOTED WIDESPREAD CHEATING BY EMPLOYERS ON CURRENT 25 BAHT

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PER DAY RATE IN BANGKOK AREA AND CRITICIZED RTG FOR FAILURE TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

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